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## ADMINISTRATOR GIVES TALK ON BUREAUCRACY

### Brownlow Speaks in Second Lecture Of Series

### STRESSES REFORM

**Divides Our Administrative Workers into Five Main Classes**

Repeatedly stressing the growing need in this country for "a bigger and better bureaucracy," Mr. Louis Brownlow, expert in Public Administration, spoke before a rather meager audience gathered in the College Chapel on Friday evening. Throughout the course of his address, Mr. Brownlow returned again and again to this central theme, admitting, however, that the burcaucracy which he feels this country needs must be made up of officials whose functions are purely administrative. It is because of the lack of ability of the leaders of government in all its stages to realize this qualification that, according to Mr. Brownlow, the evils usually attributed to bureaucracy have resulted. He insisted that, with a differentiation of policy-making and administrative functions, a bureaucracy appointed by elected officials would provide the most efficient and satisfactory government.

Having in this way established his main contention, the speaker proceeded, with delightful sarcasm, only slightly appreciated, to illustrate his point by instances from governmental circles. He in-

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## SUPPORT FOR NEW GYM HAS BEEN PLEDGED

**Incomplete Total of $2,262 Is Announced by Committee**

At last the long awaited news is available. First reports of the student Gymnasium Building Committee show that the undergraduates have pledged a total of $2,262 to date in their earnest drive for a new gymnasium. The Dekes and Lambda Chi houses have to complete their report and no definite sum has been announced by the neutrals as yet. With these sources still to be heard from for complete reports it would appear at the present writing as though the drive would reach the $2,50 mark.

The amount pledged by the students to date is much higher than the sum which the Committee had dared to hope for. This money will be due by June 1935 and can be collected by the house representatives at any time and turned over to Mr. Coughlin, the trustee of the fund.

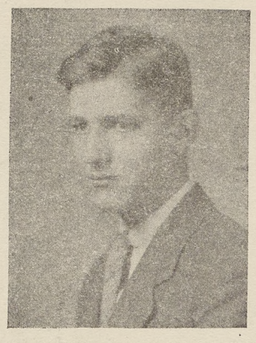
The result of this initiative on the part of the undergraduates is beginning to be noticed, for a letter from Mr. Daniel Burke '93, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Board of Trustees states that he will gladly present the matter to that committee for consideration in the very near future.

It has been learned from a very reliable source that the student proposition in regard to the Gymnasium will be presented to the Alumni at the very earliest opportunity.

The special Gym issue of **Life** is at the printers now and will probably come off the press by Thursday. This number will be mailed to the 2,162 living alumni of Hamilton College and will not go to the regular subscribers of **Life** since it is a special issue, though a copy will probably be sent to each house on the Hill.

The Gym Building Committee earnestly hopes that any undergraduate who intends to lend his support to the project but has not done so as yet, would see his representative at once, so that a complete statement may be given the **Alumni in the special issue of Life.**

*Hockey Captain*



Frederick C. Ferry jr. '35

## MIRACLE PLAY TO BE GIVEN

**Choir to Sing at Annual Production; Hicks Will Direct**

On Thursday evening at 8:15 in the Hall of Commons, the annual miracle play will be given by the Class in Dramatic Interpretation, together with a recital by the Hamilton College Choir.

The miracle play, which it taken from the Coventry Cycle of the fourteenth century, will, as usual, be under the direction of Professor Paul A. Fancher, but the choir will be conducted by Mr. Robert J. Hicks '33.

The choir recital, which will come first on the program, will be shorter than in former years, consisting of only five number: "Lo, How a Rose," by Praetorius, "While by My Sheep," a thirteenth century chorale, "Stille Nacht," by Gruber, "Dormi Jesu," by Edmund Rubbra, and "Sing Noel," a Franconian Carol. In addition, the scipt of the play calls for singing by a band og angels, and this part will be taken by the choir.

The cast of the play, which, in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, was performed by the clergymen in the church before the altar, follows:

Isaiah ..... N. W. Howard
The Angel Gabriel, R. S. Stockton
The Virgin Mary, .. B. B. Hickok
Saint Joseph ..... F. W. Yerxa
First Shepherd .. D. A. White jr.
Second Shepherd .... F. F. Baker
Third Shepherd ..... J. T. Dunn
Nuntius .. A. R. McKenzie III
Herod ..... N. L. Swartout
First King ..... J. D. S. Cooper
Second King ..... W. B. Soper
Third King ..... S. A. Halstead
First Soldier .. A. C. Rearick jr.
Second Soldier .... J. Avery jr.
Lucifer ..... B. A. Johnson jr.
Satan ..... F .T. Freeman
Beelzebub ..... C. N. Jensen
Belial ..... E. Root III
Baal ..... F. B. Eraclito jr.
Mahomet ..... J. D. Dale

## SEXTET FACES DARTMOUTH IN FIRST CONTEST

### Green Team to Play Here January 7, Mass. State Jan. 11

### SHOOTING IS WEAK

**Lack of Ice Hampers Hill Squad; Loss of Edwards Is Felt**

With the team roster substantially the same as that of the 1933-1934 season, although missing keenly the support of Captain Dunc Edwards, the Hamilton ice sextet scrimmaged on Saturday afternoon in preparation for playing host to Dartmouth and Mass. State on January 7 and 12, respectively.

The few practices which the team has seen on the ice this year made impossible any formidable showing though at times the first string sextet showed signs of midseason form. Despite this lack of practice, however, the passing of both the first and second string lines, for the most part, was good; weak shooting seemed to be the nemesis of the team in the scrimmage.

Although the team can't be compared with the smooth sextet launched by Coach Prettyman last season, both because of the time of season and the inadequacy of practice to date, it may be predicted that the team ought to measure up somewhere near its counterpart of last year. The speed which was one of the most valued assets of the Buff and Blue in 1933-34 seemed impaired Saturday, and the passing of the players nearly measured up to previous form. The difficulty which the players had in covering their men and in shooting goals still keep the present aggregation far below the par of its predecessor.

In the first string line were Woodin, McKenzie, and Ferry, playing left wing, center, and right wing, respectively; Fran Baker has captured Phil Scott's old place in the goalie position, and turned in a good performance. The two defensive posts on the first squad were occupied by Bill Jones and Ben Johnson, the latter a sophomore who bids fair adequately to fill the post left vacant by Edward's graduation. Apparently sufficient reserve material centers about Doig, Montgomery, and Rice, as the second line, and Weiners, Sharpless, Ruhle, Wilcox, and Kingsbury, all ready to see service.

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## Intercollegiate Basketball Competition On Hill Interrupted by Faculty in 1910

By Meredith S. Conley '36

The life of basketball here on the Hill has been interesting and varied.

When the game was organized for the first time in 1900 it was sanctioned by the faculty because they thought it would keep the boys from going to Utica so much. In 1900 there were no contests scheduled, but the next year, 1901, a schedule of seven games was played of which five were won, two lost. A 12-12 tie with Cornell was the result of a post season game. The Hamilton team had the advantage when it played in the Soper Gym, because at that time the floor was used for dancing and was consequently slippery at all times. The visitors were more interested in how to keep their footing than they were in shooting baskets.

In 1902, Syracuse, Yale, Pennsylvania, Cornell, and and Williams were met and although they triumphed, the scores were not large. In 1905 Hamilton defeated a strong Syracuse team and our rival Union was met and defeated. Although the season of 1906 was fairly successful, the next three showed that the team was taking a slump. It was in 1909 that the suggestion was raised as to the advisability of dropping basketball as an intercollegiate sport. It was thought that the college was attempting too many lines of activity for its size and that there were not as many students getting the benefit of intercollegiate basketball as would from intramural or interfraternity games. Therefore, at the end of the 1909-1910 season official action was taken, and basketball was no longer an intercollegiate sport at Hamilton.

During its nine years at Hamilton, the College won 38 games, tied 1, and lost 51.

In 1910 a Director of Intramural sports was elected who should have charge of interfraternity and interclass contests in all sports, but no active attempt was made to revive basketball until 1912 when the interfraternity games were inaugurated. During the six years of interfraternity competition, Delta Upsilon won the cup three times, Delta Kappa Epsilon, twice, and Alpha Delta Phi once.

After a lapse of nine years, intercollegiate basketball was returned to the Hill in 1919. The varsity team was chosen by a series of intergroup contests which were held for the purpose of unearthing the best material for the squad. The students were given the opportunity of selecting either hockey or basketball instead of regular gym work. The schedule for the first year of intercollegiate basketball after its return to the Hill in 1919 included six games, one each with Rochester, Williams, R.P.I., Hobart, and two games with Colgate.

This season just starting is the seventeenth consecutive year of basketball since its revival.

## CALENDAR

**Wednesday, December 19**

Civic Music Society will present "The Messiah" in Utica.

**Thursday, December 20**

Basketball game with Bard College, 5:00 p. m.
Miracle play and choir concert 8:15.

**Saturday, December 22**

Christmas recess begins at 12:30 p. m.

**Monday, January 7**

Christmas recess ends at 8:00 a. m.
Hockey game with Dartmouth here.

**Friday, January 11**

Dr. Edwin W. Kemmerer will lecture in the Chapel.
Basketball game with Rochester here.

**Saturday, January 12**

Hockey game with Mass. State here.

## FRATERNITIES GIVE PARTIES

**Chi Psis, Psi U's Hold Joint Dance; Skits to Be Given**

Once again the fraternities on the Hill have caught the spirit of Christmas and are celebrating the approaching holiday throughout this last week of school with parties, plays and dances. Once again the freshmen will demonstrate one of the invaluable services which they perform for the college by the production of plays for some of their older brothers and friends.

Perhaps the most unusual celebration was staged by Psi Upsilon and Chi Psi, when, on Saturday evening, they imported a bus-load of girls from Wells College and had a supper-dance. The girls, 26 in all, accompanied by Miss Margaret Haney, chaperone, arrived at the Psi U house about 6:00. Partners were then designated by the matching of numbers on slips of paper drawn from a hat. After supper the guests, about 80 in number, danced until midnight to the rollicking dance rythms of the Hamilton Glen Lane Orchestra. Among those who attended this unusually successful venture were Dr. Butcher, Dr. and Mrs. Graves, Professor and Mrs. Perrine, and Professor Liedke.

On Sunday aftenoon, Sigma Phi entertained its nearby alumni and their children. A freshman entertainment preceded games which were enjoyed by everyone, after which Santa Claus presented gifts to all the young guests. Supper was afterward enjoyed by the 25 alumni and children who braved the inclement weather.

Delta Upsilon held an afternoon tea Sunday at four o'clock, at which Mesdames Dale and Graves poured. During the afternoon, the presentation of three plays added greatly to everyone's enjoyment.

Theta Delta Chi's freshmen also put on their annual Christmas play Sunday afternoon for the entertainment of actives and their friends, after which presents were exchanged and refreshments served. Professor Butcher, President and Mrs. Ferry and Professor and Mrs. Rouse were among those present.

Tuesday evening, Alpha Delta Phi will entertain the faculty and friends by presenting a 19th century problem play, in which John Bates, Kelsey. Arthur Jones, and Warren Montgomery play the leading roles. Tau Kappa Epsilon's freshmen will also present a play.

Beta Kappa will have its annual party Wednesday evening. After a freshman play, gifts will be exchanged, followed by refreshments.

Delta Kappa Epsilon will celebrate the holiday by holding a dinner-dance Friday evening. The Hamilton Glen Lane Orchestra whose excellence was a feature of the Psi Upsilon—Chi Psi—Wells party Saturday evening. On the same evening the Emerson Literary Society will be entertained by a freshman play; refreshments will be served after the performance.

Lambda Chi Alpha will give a radio-dance Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. William Wood of Utica being the chaperones.

## KOO IS GUEST OF POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB

### Speaks in Truax Hall on Internal Affairs In China

### HOPEFUL FOR CHINA

**Discusses Politics, Education, Economics, and Social Life**

Dr. T. Z. Koo, representative of the Young Men's Christian Association in China, gave an interesting address on "International Affairs in China" at an informal meeting of the Political Science Club Wednesday. The lecture, which was held in the Truax Hall of Philosophy, was well attended by members of the club and their guests.

Dr. Koo's charm lay in his enthusiasm for his subject, his perfect command of the English tongue, and the personal interest he invoked in his speech by illustrating his points with examples from his own experiences. He pointed out several of the more important changes in Chinese life since the overthrow of the monarchy twenty-five years ago, in four fields: politics, education, economics, and social life. The Chinese have had the immense task of trying, in the last quarter-century, to cast aside the age-old customs and beliefs of the monarchial period and to overtake the advancement made by the rest of the world since the Middle Ages.

Two processes were necessary to reform the politics of the infant republic. One was to change the method of political thinking from strictest abstinence from all sorts of governmental affairs into a desire to take an active part in political machinery. The second process was to reshape the antiquated system of government and to oust the thousands of political parasites that had been left behind by the abdicating emperor. This revolution of the governing principles has progressed step by step to the present-day drafting of a constitution for this comparatively young state .

Factories, machinery, railroads, airlines, common currency—these are only a few of the many advances made by the Chinese along the line of economics in the last two decades. Dr. Koo stated, however, that almost one-half of the population of China does not receive enough food for proper nourishment and does not have ample

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## D. F. Searle '84 Gave Poetic Defense At Brother's Trial for Murder of Cat

By Benjamin B. Hickok '36

A bloody and heinous murder was once committed on the campus of Hamilton College. That certain biologic urge which drives the anatomy students to dissect the bodies of cats, also drove one young man in 1897 to the occupation of cat-collecting for the biology department. In fact, the gracious lady who was bereft of her cat brought suit against him who cat-napped her puss, and Mr. Dominic F. Searle '84, was called on to be counsel for the defendant. Mr. Searle's own account of the nation famous "Cat Case" follows:

"The Professor of Biology at Hamilton College had use for cats in laboratory work. My brother was employed on the College Hill and caught a cat crawling in the barn and delivered it to the Professor. Some days later the owner of the cat found its body partly dissected in the Laboratory and sued my brother and the Professor of Biology for $25 damages before Elliott S. Williams, Justice of the Peace, March 13, 1897. On behalf of the defendants I offered judgment in the sum of 50 cents and interposed the following answer, which was published in the newspapers and law journals all over the United States and Canada. The lawyer will perceive that it contains a denial, a justification, mitigation and prayer for appropriate judgment. To me the most humorous thing about it was that at least three inhabitants of Clinton suggested that I got Clinton Scollard '81 to write it."

"JUSTICE COURT: ONEIDA COUNTY—

"Miss ——— against Joseph Searle before E. S. Williams, J. P.

Defendant's Answer

"For answer to complaint herein,
Defendants most respectfully
Deny the same, dispute the claim,
Nothing concede, reject fully.

"This maiden plaintiff's Thomas cat
Was filled with bad propensity,
To prowl and fight, and scratch and bite,
And howl with great intensity.

"The feline ferae naturae
Would go with great velocity
Not after rats, but neighbors' cats
And claw **them** with ferocity.

"He was a mangy, flea-bit thing
And mingled with bad company
No high born cat aristocrat,
But nasty, vile, and vicious he.

"His sire was mean, and mean his dam
And damned throughout eternity
By neighbors sad and neighbors mad
Whose damns meant not maternity.

"A nuisance was the pesky beast,
Immoral, lewd and profligate,
'Twas his delight, both day and night
His progeny to propagate.

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*Awarded Trophy*

John F. Byrnes '35

## BYRNES WINS FOOTBALL CUP

**Center Receives Fowler Cup For Sportsmanship, Love of Game**

The Richard S. Fowler Cup, one of the most coveted awards at Hamilton College, was presented to John F. Brynes '35, at a special meeting of the Undergraduate Association held after chapel Thursday morning. The Fowler Cup is offered annually by Richard S. Fowler '23 to that man on the varsity football squad who, in the opinion of his teammates, displays the best sportsmanship and the greatest love for the game.

In presenting the award, Coach Arthur R. Winters spoke highly of the spirit and effort which has characterized Brynes' work on the football field. "His love for the game, marked by a keen desire to win, found expression in his keen, hard play and won the respect of his teammates and opponents. He was diligent in his practice to perfect his own game that it might contribute to better team play. Always content to be in the background, his good nature and helpful attitude, his ability to take the bumps without complaint, and his courageous, fighting heart leave their impression on the lives of those with whom he played."

Brynes, who is affiliated with Psi Upsilon, has been a member of the football squad for the past thre years, earning his letter last season as a substitute guard. This year he did his commendable work at center.

Nineteen members of the football suad, 13 of the soccer, and five harriers received the varsity "H" for their efforts in intercollegiate competition this fall from Coaches Winters, Gelas, and Weber, respectively, at this meeting of the Undergraduate Association. Forty-eight members of the three upper classes and 45 freshmen athletes also received their numerals for participation in interclass sports.

## BUFF AND BLUE QUINTET DOWNS R.P.I. BY 48-28

### Engineers Baffled By Hamilton Defense And Passing

### WELD, PUGH SCORE

**Chalk Up 14 Points Apiece; MacFeeters Contributes 11 for Visitors**

Completely outclassing and outmaneuvering the R.P.I. basketeers in every aspect of the game, the Hamilton College quintet scored their second victory in as many starts as they subdued the Trojans 48-28 Saturday afternoon in the Soper Gymnasium.

Hamilton was superior in every way as the Engineers seemed not to know how to cope with the zone defense game as played by the Buff and Blue. Weld and Pugh worked the fast, breaking pass to perfection as they tallied time and again while Jones and Snyder played an excellent game under the basket, nearly always getting possession of the ball on the rebound from the board. Shinn's passing was one of the features of the Hill attack.

Led by Captain Bill Weld and Tommy Pugh, who each scored 14 points, the Buff and Blue quintet grasped a decisive lead in the first half until they were leading 24-3. R.P.I. had chalked up its three points on three foul throws by Manville, Powers, and MacFeeters. Then Powers, the left guard for the visitors, sank a long shot to give the Engineers two points.

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## GILLETTE TO BE PRESIDENT OF SOPHOMORES

**Riddleberger Is Chosen to Be Head of First Year Men**

Completing voting which began before the Thanksgiving recess, the sophomore class finished the election of class officers in the chapel on December 1. The freshmen completed their elections this morning. Of the sophomores, Edwin Gillette was elected president, Robert Jagger, vice-president, and Henry Estabrook, secretary-treasurer.

Gillette was active on the freshman soccer and basketball squads last year, and he also played soccer this fall. Jagger received his letter in football this fall as first string tackle, and is now on the varsity fencing squad. He is affiliated with Chi Psi.

From the class of '38, Hugh Riddleberger was chosen as president, Winant Sidle as vice-president, and Robert A. Clogher as secretary-treasurer.

Riddleberger, playing soccer for the first time this last fall, won a position on the freshman team, and is now performing on the yearling basketball quintet. He also won the fall tennis tournament, defeating several of the stars of last year's team. He is a Chi Psi. Sidle, who pledged Sigma Phi, was a member of the freshman football squad, and is now, along with Riddleberger, working for a place on the first year basketball team. Clogher played on the freshman soccer team this fall, and is pledged to Delta Kappa Epsilon.

### SHUTE TO DIRECT CONCERT

Tomorrow night in Our Lady of Lourdes Auditorium, Utica, the Utica Civic Orchestra of 60 pieces, and the Civic Chorus of 250 voices, both under the direction of Prof. Berrian R. Shute, will present Handel's famous oratorio, "The Messiah." Prof. Willard B. Marsh will be bass soloist in the performance.

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## ACTION!

Hamilton **Life** is published by the undergraduates of the college, and we feel, therefore, that it should express the opinion of the undergraduates, whether that opinion be entertained by the majority or not. It is generally believed that one of the most important forces behind any governmental administration is the criticism of those parties which are not in control; such, we believe, should be the case with any college administration—the criticisms of the undergraduates in regard to those who control our lives on the campus should be heeded by the administration and something should be done to reconcile "the governed and the governing."

There is in the student body a growing dissatisfaction with the administration of our college. To us it appears analogous to the lack of organization in many of our municipal, county, and state administrations. particularly in regard to the absence of cooperation between the various departments. The prevalence of what is known as "passing the buck" is becoming deplorable. There are several examples in connection with this which will show the great necessity for action either on the part of the administration itself, or, if they neglect the matter, on the part of the student body.

The first is the well-known bandying back and forth between the Trustees and the administrative officers of the college in regard to the contemplation of a longer Thanksgiving recess. The latter, when told of the action being taken on the part of the undergraduates in preparing a petition for the suspension of classes during the entire Thanksgiving week-end, reported that it was a matter for the Trustees to take up; yet, when the affair was brought to the attention of one well-known member of that body, he said that the faculty were the ones to pass judgment on such a petition. Obviously, nothing can be accomplished if no one knows who is responsible for making the various decisions. Furthermore, the undergraduate body is unable to present its views for consideration, since it has no idea who is supposed to do the considering.

Sufficient cooperation between the athletic and administrative departments is to a decided degree lacking. One undergraduate, when wishing to apply for an excuse from absence from a physical training class, went first to the doctor, who told him to see a certain member of the athletic department. He was then told that in order to have the absence fixed, he should go to the administrative office. There, believe it or not, he was pleasantly informed to return to that same member of the athletic department from whom he had just come. Although the excuse was finally granted, it is to be regretted that there can be such an apparent lack of responsibility on the part of our department heads.

In order to avoid repetition of such actions in the future, there must be a definite reorganization in the administration of our college. We must have some more suitable means of deliberation between the undergraduate body and the officers of th administration; in addition, the administration must guarantee that there will be complete cooperation among its various departments. In the event that the administration does not take the initiative in bringing about such reforms, we feel that it is the duty of the student body to take action: we feel, further, that the student body will take action, even if it should be found necessary to resort to drastic measures to obtain results.

## LET THEM SEE LIGHT

In the current issue of "The Continental" there appeared several anonymous criticisms of existing conditions on our campus, and we will take this opportunity to express our approval of what was, perhaps, the most salient among them—that dealing with the inadequacy of the lighting facilities in our Library. Of all the buildings which are used by the undergraduates of the college, the Library is undoubtedly the most important, for it is there that we must go for references. for enjoyment, and to fulfill many of our assignments; of all the senses which possess, our sense of sight is the one we cherish most, and in order to protect it, we must make certain that our eyes are subjected to no strain, particularly through reading.

Most people do not use enough light even in their homes, bu in an institution where it is not only expected, but necessary that a large amount of reading be done, it is a pity that there are furnished bulbs of only fifteen watts for the use of its undergraduates. At a table which is intended to accomodate four persons, there are a tota of but thirty watts. In order to provide the necessary number of foot-candles at the average reading distance. a one-socket lamp needs one hundred watts; a two-socket lamp requires a minimum of two sixt watt bulbs. To be sure, there is the matter of increased expense due to the additional amount of current which would be used, but w should not be content in saving a few cents at the expense of seriou damage to our eyes.

This question is an old one, and has been brought up many times previously. Whether the authorities responsible are not aware of the conditions, or whether they have wilfully neglected them, we can no say. Nevertheless, if appeals to those in charge have failed, we now appeal to those who use the Library, and we feel confident that t existing situation will be remedied.

## WILL WE SUBMIT?

Hobart's resignation from the New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, following almost on top of Rochester's withdrawal, leaves Hamilton as the only one of the three original objectors to the new ruling in the group. This ruling which was passed at the last meeting of the Conference in Syracuse on November 26 requires that beginning with the 1937 season all Conference teams shall play at least four Conference games a year. Alfred, Clarkson, St. Lawrence, and Buffalo voted for it and Hobart, Rochester, and Hamilton were against it. Now Hamilton is the only one of these institutions left in the Conference.

The Conference was originally formed to be a supervising body and not a playing one. It set up eligibility requirements to which all members adhere and regulates athletics in some ways, but when it comes to having the group dictate to the colleges what football teams they shall play, the matter has gone far enough. Hamilton has always tried to make up her football schedules with the members of the team and the student body in mind and every attempt is made to get only those games which are satisfactory to both. The football team is generally asked to state its preferences in the matter of games and the athletic department makes an attempt to secure them.

It is felt at Hamilton that athletics should be made enjoyable, and a great step in this direction is scheduling teams with whom our men like to play. If Hamilton submits to any rule whereby she is forced to play a certain number of games a year with certain colleges, this policy has gone for naught. Hamilton should be free to make up her schedule as she wishes, and if belonging to the Conference means that she will forfeit this privilege, then it is time to hand in her resignation also. M. S. C. '36.

## AN APPRECIATION

On another page of this issue of **Life** is the very gratifying report that the undergraduates at Hamilton have so far pledged $2,262 towards a new Gym. At this time the Gym Building Committee wishes to extend its hearty thanks to the members of the student body who have shown such an implicit faith in the project in a way that takes faith—by digging down in their pockets for cash.

The job has a good start now and the undergraduates have something tangible to show the Alumni when the matter comes up before them in the near future, as there is every indication it will. There can be no let-down now on the part of the undergraduates until they win out and get the desired building which will do much to raise the high standard of Hamilton College. M. S. C. '36.

## AID TO VOCABULARY BUILDING

Recently Professor Thorndike asserted that 10,000 words was the minimum that one could have in his vocabulary if he is to understand what is going on in the world today. The vocabularies of the average persons have been estimated at many different figures. Dr. Frank A. Vizitelly recently said that people of average education and intelligence used about 10,000 words a year and estimated that 25,000 were understood or employed by professional men and women.

Professor Thorndike advocates "wide reading of books" by those wishing to increase their vocabularies, but it seems that he should have included the newspapers too. When one considers the wide variety of subjects covered each day by the press, it seems that the vocabulary would run into tens of thousands. In the past, little stress has been laid on intelligent newspaper reading as an aid to increasing one's vocabulary, but in view of the highly diversified articles in papers, people should be urged to read them more thoroughly. Such a procedure would do much towards building up a useful and adequate vocabulary. M. S. C. '36.

## REASON OR TRADITION?

For many years it has been the tradition that the staff of Hamilton **Life** should change right after the Easter recess. While this date is still far away, it would seem appropriate to consider the question although it is perhaps not pertinent to any but the members of the staff.

When a new staff takes office so early in the year it is almost forced to continue the policies of the old staff until a new college year starts the next September, and before long the time comes for the competitors to put out their issue, and the elected staff is through while they have had to do most of their work in the regime of the old staff—that is in the time from Easter vacation till June. On the face of it, the policy seems unfair, and although the staff has changed, nevertheless the student body and others don't consider the change effective until the following September, as it really isn't.

What reasons there were for picking Easter vacation as the time to change is not known to the writer though it is to be supposed that the originators of the idea desired that the new staff should have some experience while the old staff was still there for guidance and could supervise. If the assumption is true, it still seems foolish that it should take the new staff seven or eight issues to gain experience. The fact isn't that the new staff is likely to change things very much, but it would seem logical to give the new members a clean slate to start with and the only time that this can be done is in September when College starts.

A wiser plan and one which is a little more logical, it would seem, would be to have the new staff edit the last two issues of the year, which came, last year, on May 29 and June 16. These two issues should provide the desired experience for the new staff under the supervision of the old and when September came around they would be ready to start with a clean slate and continue in office until the following June. The old way involves more work for the business managers, and it is awkward to start something new in the middle of the old.

Though Easter is still far away, it would seem judicious for all those connected with **Life** to mull the idea over and in this case it would seem more logical to be governed by reason rather than by tradition. M. S. C. '36.

## FORUM

The Editor of Hamilton **Life:**

Dear Sir:

Trickling crosswise to enthusiasm, a thin undercurrent of skepticism has arisen against the project of building a new gym. This, it seems to us, is wholly without reasonable thought. The plan proposed is so sound, and its initiative so admirable that no one but the most pernicious of iconoclasts, social nose-pickers, or what you will, could contrive for its defeat. Certainly everyone who cherishes the benefits to be offered to the college through an adequate gym structure will not deny that the present edifice is a fire trap. One needs not to be an athlete to recognize the inconvenience encountered with it. It is therefore the opinion of the undersigned that whatever troublesome little springs of reaction arise should be damned, damned, and sat on.

Particularly so, because it is evident that those persons who initiate the complaining are among the foremost who have reviled the standing gym. It is the pure perversity of those who are not mentally able to distinguish between conservatism and stagnancy that so often flourishes the proverbial "wet blanket" over whatever spark of ingenuity chances into existence—concerning any innovation. It is the vicious, paradoxical circle set in motion by creatures content to sit on their soft fannys and let the hope of a fanny-unsoftening edifice sink to the smithereens of indolence. This gripes.

For once in our lives, we have started something worthwhile. something altruistic and magnificent. We know we shall never have the use of this gift ourselves, but if we've got a "fin" each that says in nineteen hundred forty somebody else will enjoy a fine gymnasium, this is no time to kick our own gift-horse in the teeth. We will never regret the small sacrifice we are making. Would it not be splendid to return to college several years hence, proud with the assurance that we too can be successful philanthropists?

Lloyd B. Dunning, '36.

## Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

Report has only recently been received of the death, on June 13, 1933, of Ephriam J. Fisk, Law School '80, of Fairport, N. Y. He was the father of Elliott R. Fisk '21.

Henry W. Jessup, Princeton '86, father of Henry H. Jessup '13, Theodore C. Jessup '14, John B. Jessup '15, and Philip C. Jessup '18, died December 9, in New York City where he had been in the practice of law since 1888.

Charles Scribner's Sons have recently published "The Reason for Living", by Robert Russell Wicks, D.D. '04, Dean of the Chapel, of Princeton University.

Theodore R. Davies '25, has been appointed assistant to the District Attorney of Oneida County, for the term beginning January 1, 1935.

The annual dinner of the Association of Hamilton College Alumni in New York City will be held January 11, 1935, at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel. Rt. Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, D.D. '02 will preside.

The Princeton University Press has recently published "Songs of the Restoration Theatre," by Willard Thorp, Ph. D., '20. Dr. Thorp is at present assistant professor of English at Princeton University.

## Do You Know That-

by

Meredith S. Conley '36

"Comforting news in regard to heating of the dormitories is forthcoming from the Bursar's office. As soon as the condition of the weather demands, day and night shifts of men will be used to manage the furnaces. Instead of the heat being turned off early in the evening as has been the case in former years, enough will be left in the pipes to keep the buildings comfortably warm all night."—Hamilton **Life**, October 5, 1915... In the Fall of 1915 Columbia University wanted to play Hamilton in a post-season game on Thanksgiving day at New York. This offer was rejected because it is traditional to close our football season with the Union game... Woman's suffrage was one of the measures up for vote in the election of 1915 and the majority of the Hill faculty were opposed to its adoption...In the 1915 issue of Who's Who In America, Hamilton ranked third of all the colleges in the country in having prominent alumni...For many years Hamilton College maintained the Maynard-Knox Law School as one of its departments. The living graduates now number 40 men from the class of 1869 to 1887...The average weight of the 1916 Hamilton College football team was 150 pounds. The backfield averaged 142½ and the line 154...The first wireless station on the Hill was set up in 1914 by two undergraduates, Willis K. Jones and William K. Hunstman. Time and weather reports were received from Arlington at 10 o'clock every night, and the news sent out by the Cape Cod station every evening to be published on the Atlantic steamers was occasionally picked up. The set used was licensed by the Marconi Company in 1913. The apparatus had a 200-foot aerial reaching from North Hall to the Observatory which stood in front of the present Sig Place...In 1916 the undergraduate body of the college raised a fund of $1,200 with which a Ford ambulance was purchased and sent overseas. Orr '17 was selected from among a number of student volunteers to accompany the ambulance as its driver...A resolution of the faculty on January 10, 1918 established hockey as an intercollegiate sport at Hamilton for the first time. The Nichols School, Albany Academy, RPI, and Erasmus High School were played in the four games of that first hockey season...A coal shortage in the winter of 1918 forced the college to close three buildings—North, Languages, and Silliman. The library closed at 5 p. m., and did not open Sunday. The Alpha Delta Phi House was closed and the Psi Upsilon House was without a fire. The College Store was moved to South...William T. Purdy '06 wrote the march "On Wisconsin"...Ten men roomed in North during the year 1917-1918...There was no "Hamiltonian" published by the class of 1919. The June issue of the Hamilton Literary Magazine carried the information and records which usually are found in the year book... At the Commencement of Hamilton College in June 1918 the bronze statue of Alexander Hamilton which now stands in front of the Chapel was unveiled. The work was executed by George W. Brewster and was presented by Mr. Thomas R. Proctor of Utica who was a member of the Board of Trustees at the time. Gorham and Company did the casting of the statue.

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## Freshman Basketeers Start Daily Drills

Reporting for practice under Coach Mox Weber, an average-sized squad of freshman has been reporting for twice-weekly workouts since the varsity team began turning out three weeks ago. The squad of first year men, starting out with a roster of 37 candidates, was cut last week to 19 players by action of the coaching staff.

With the varsity taking most of the time of Coach Weber, practice efforts on the part of the freshman squad have been confined to drilling in funamentals, in dribbling, shooting, and outlet passes. The first week's workout was handicapped somewhat by the gymnasium facilities, which prevented any effective practicing of the unwieldy squad of 37 yearling candidates. This week, with the number of men cut almost in half, it is expected that the reduced squad is to see its first scrimmage sessions.

The candidates who survived the squad's first cut and who are reporting for practice are: Cook, Riddleberger, Elliott, Eagan, Masters, Wells, Carmer, Thomson, Sullivan, Guhse, Fox, Fowler, Carroll, Truesdell, Britton, '37, Getman, Tucker, McCullam, and H. Reed.

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## German Club Listens to Good Address by Liedke

Mr. Otto Liedke, the new instructor in German, last night lectured to the German Club on the subject "German Migrations to America." The speech, which was given in German, was presented at Emerson Hall.

According to Mr. Liedke, although Germans had nothing to do with the actual discovery of America, German scientists had previously made this discovery possible through the invention of navigation instruments and the plotting of more accurate maps. There were, however, two German families in the original colony of Jamestown, established in 1607, and the first Governor of New Amsterdam was a German, Peter Minuit, who purchased Manhattan Island from the Indians and established a Swedish colony there.

Early Germans founded the nearby community of Palantine Bridge, naming it after their own state, the Palatinate. Peter Zenger, a German, established the freedom of the press with his "New York Weekly Journal."

Most of the early German settlers were farmers, but the trades of weaving, glass blowing, and later iron working, sprang up. In the Revolution, Washington's bodyguard was composed mainly of Germans. After the war, between six and seven thousand of the Hessian troops, mercenaries of the British, stayed and settled here.

In a recent census by nationalities, Mr. Liedke said, the following figures were obtained: first, English stock, twenty million people; second, German, eighteen million; and a poor third, the combination of Irish and Scotch, thirteen million.

Mr. Liedke closed his talk with two interesting facts. One was that John D. Rockefeller is a direct descendant of a German immigrant, Johann Peter Rockefeller, who came here in 1733. The other is the fact that the tune "Yankee Doodle" was originally a German melody.

The meeting ended with a short discussion. Those present included Dr. and Mrs. Hauch, Dr. Gates of Colgate, and Mr. Metcalf.

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## CARPE DIEM

Little wonder that Shute's hair grows gray: they were discussing the spiritual value in the composers' lives and the influences thereupon, when up spoke a young student:

"Yes, yes, yes....Haydn's father was a wheelwright, and his mother was a servant in the kitchen of the Lord."

His mark fairly shot from a good, sturdy FF to an F, which proves that Shute does have a sense of humor.

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Amid the squeak of the door and the scurrying of rats, the Browsing Room was reopened at 11:23:05 A. M. yesterday. When the dust had settled, and the book worms had shifted back into Spenser's "Faerie Queene," there was to be seen a beautiful green fern symbolic of Mr. Ibbotson's new faith in Hamilton College Mankind.

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The medallion to "Bruno" Liedke. In much less than three months he has invented an air-tight method for closing Super's door which brings quicker results than have been known since Dr. Ferry's Finishing School for Boys of Gentle Birth received Soup into the fold. Briefly it consists of Brune's running up on the professor's platform, clenching his fists, and leading the class in a short but vociferous yell—"CLOSE THAT DOOR; CLOSE THAT DOOR," &c., &c.

## W. T. Purdy '06 Honored by State of Wisconsin for Composing College Song

By Meredith S. Conley '36

One of the new marches played by the college band this fall was that famous song "On Wisconsin" which was written by William T. Purdy '06 of Hamilton College. When Mr. Purdy died on December 31, 1918 the legislature of the state of Wisconsin passed a joint resolution honoring him. The resolution follows:

"William T. Purdy, author of 'On Wisconsin', died on December 31, 1918. Mr. Purdy was born in Aurora, New York. He received his secondary education at Aurora and was graduated from Hamilton College at Clinton, New York, in the class of 1906.

"Upon graduation he took a position with the Bell Telephone Company in Chicago. As a leader of the Glee Club and all-round musician while at college, he could not refrain from that interest while in Chicago, and gradually set up a business for himself as provider of high class entertainment programs for affairs at the University Club and other social gatherings of that city. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and became acquainted with Wisconsin men of the same fraternity when in Chicago. He had the true Wisconsin spirit in him, because he was always an admirer of the western universities, especially Wisconsin.

" 'On Wisconsin' has become the battle song of Wisconsin students everywhere. Under its stimulating strains, the Wisconsin men went into the fighting on the battle fields of France with the same spirit which they have shown during their football games and in their noble and untiring efforts in civil life. It is a fact worthy of note than although William Purdy composed this song he was not a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. It proves the moral influence which the healthy, daring, and stimulating life of our university has on the imagination of men.

"William Purdy was an idealist. He left a legacy of immense moral value which will be religiously preserved by all those who shall come to our great seat of learning for many years. The magnificent tribute paid William Purdy at his death by the students and alumni of the University of Wisconsin is a manifestation of the influence of the great work done by him. Now, therefore, be it,

"Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the journals of this day in recognition of the work of Mr. Purdy, and that a copy of this resolution, suitably engraved and duly attested, be transmitted to the family of Mr. Purdy.

EDWARD DITLEMAR,
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RILEY S. YOUNG,
Speaker of the Assembly.
O. G. MUNSON,
Chief Clerk of the Senate.
C. E. SCAFFER,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly."

## Schedule of Exams Announced Tuesday

On Tuesday, December 11, the schedule for examinations was announced and posted on the bulletin board in the Library. The examinations will begin on Monday, January 21, and will continue until the Wednesday of the following week. Morning examinations are scheduled to begin at 8:30, and those in the afternoon at 1:30. If there are any conflicts, these should be reported at the President's Office immediately.

The schedule in full is as follows:

Jan. 21, Mon., a. m.
French 13
Ethics I
Chemistry I
Chemistry 5
Geology 5
Mon. p. m.
Biology I
Jan. 22, Tues., a. m.
English Lit. 9
History I
Music I
Math. 9
Biology 7
Geology 3
Tues. p. m.
German 9
Philosophy I
History 7
Art I
Physics 9
Geology I
Jan. 23, Wed. a. m.
English Lit. 13
Economics I
Math. I
Math. 5
Wed. p. m.
Latin 5
English Lit. 11
Philosophy 5
Pol. Science 5
Music 9
Math. 3
Jan. 24, Thurs. a. m.
Greek 5
German 3
French 11
French-Special
Thurs. a. m.
English Lit. 5
Philosophy 9
History 11
Economics 5
Ethics 3
Jan. 25, Fri. a. m.
Greek 7
German I
German 5
History 3
Math. 7
Chemistry 9
Fri. p. m.
English Lit. I
Jan. 26, Sat. a. m.
Greek I
Latin 3
Spanish 3
Italian I
Pol. Sci. 9
Sat. p. m.
Spanish I
Jan. 28, Mon. a. m.
Greek 3
Latin I
Latin 7
History 9
Pol. Sci. 7
Economics 3
Biology 3
Physics 3
Mon. p. m.
Pol. Sci. I
Jan. 29, Tues. a. m.
French I
French 5
French 7
Italian 3
Ethics 7
Biology 5
Chemistry 7
Physics I
Geology 7
Tues. p. m.
Music I
Jan. 30, Wed. a. m.
French 3
Eng. Lit. 7

### TEAM PICTURES

The pictures of the fall sport teams are now on display in the college store. There are seven pictures in all—varsity football, soccer, and cross-country, freshman football, soccer, and cross-country, and the band picture. Inasmuch as there is no Hamiltonian this year, this is the only chance that the undergraduates will have to see and buy the pictures.

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## DARTMOUTH FIRST HOCKEY OPPONENT

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The Dartmouth outfit which was beaten only 8-5 by the Seagulls last winter, and which took across Harvard, Princeton, and Yale, finally winning the league championship, is scheduled to meet the home squad the day the college returns from Christmas recess. Although the Dartmouth squad may not be as good as the team it turned out last season because of the graduation of several of its most prized players, the edge which three weeks of practice on artificial ice has given it, may prove a decisive factor in the Hamilton contest.

Mass. State ought not to be such tough sledding for the Buff and Blue, since last year's record reveals that the Mass. Staters averaged an even zero in wins for the season. An influx of sophomore material, untested as yet, may, however, put up more of a battle than the outfit which Hamilton subdued last year by a 2-0 score.

## KOO LECTURES TO POLI. SCI. CLUB

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clothing for comfort. This has led to the advent of socialistic and communistic workers who have stirred up the mass population to some extent, according to Dr. Koo, but communism has definitely not gained much of a foothold.

In a lighter vein Dr. Koo told of his own personal experience in the matter of his family's choosing a spouse for him, and his consequent falling in love with a different woman, whom he later married. The family or clan life and power has been largely displaced by the individual or immediate family life, thus tending to eliminate that problem of marriage that Dr. Koo was forced to face. As all over the world, women are taking a place in the business world in China; the social barrier between sexes has been broken down.

Dr. Koo closed his lecture by comparing present-day China with the Israelites who wandered forty years in the wilderness in their flight from Egypt before finding the promised land. It is a long, hard journey, and the best one can do is to have confidence in this experimental Chinese republic and to retain hopes for a successful outcome.

## HILL BEATS R.P.I. BY SCORE OF 48-28

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Jones made good a foul shot and Powers scored twice more for the visitors before the half ended with Hamilton out in front, 25-10.

Hovey started the second half off for R.P.I. by tallying on a long shot which Manville followed by another foul. Then Bill Weld went on a scoring spree for the Continentals, sinking three baskets and four foul shots in quick succession and bringing the score to 35-13.

Jones, Snyder, and Pugh cut lose then to add six more points to Hamilton's already impressive total before Wasley sank another foul shot for the Engineers. With a couple of minutes left to play, Coach Weber sent in three substitutes for the Hill team; MacFeeters then sank four baskets and Wasley one to make the final score Hamilton 48, R.P.I. 28.

MacFeeters with 10 points, led the Trojans in scoring.

The line-up:

| Hamilton (48) | G | F | T |
|---|---|---|---|
| Snyder, rg | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Millham, rg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Shinn, lg | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Streitz, lg | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Weld, c | 5 | 4 | 14 |
| Sprague, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pugh, lf | 7 | 0 | 14 |
| Jones, rf | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Crego, rf | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 21 | 6 | 48 |

| R. P. I. (28) | G | F | T |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lenning, rg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hovey, lg | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Manville, c | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| MacFeeters, rf | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Powers, lf | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Gilcoyne, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wasley, rf | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Elmandorf, lf | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 11 | 6 | 28 |

Medicine and engineering are the most popular of the courses chosen by Brown University (Providence, R. I.) freshmen this year.

## SEARLE '84 WRITES DEFENSE IN POETRY

(Continued from Page One)

"Felis damage-feasant was,
Sic scripsit magna curia—
To stop his breath and cause his death
Damnum absque injuria.

"We tried to rid us of this pest,
The cat came back and squalled defiance,
Not knowing that 'twas the plaintiff's cat,
We thought we'd offer it to science.

"His fur and carcass plaintiff took
And when from life that body parted,
She should be glad for then she had
A better cat than when she started.

"And now we ask this learned court
For judgment in this case unholy,
In Justice's name dismiss the claim
With costs, and soothe our melancholy.

## BROWNLOW SPEAKS ON BUREAUCRACY

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dicated that our citizens are served by workers of five different classes who are attached to governments of several levels. These workers, he said, whether they be skilled or unskilled, clerical or technical, laborers or administrators, all are part of a large and complex bureaucracy. The American people have persisted, however, in refusing to simplify this structure by an integration of various levels of government and by a logical division of functions along administrative lines. Moreover, Mr. Browlow declared, they have continued to hold to the unfortunate system under which positions which required trained, technical workers must be filled by general election. As a result of this, many incongrous and ridiculous choices have been made and governmental efficiency has suffered accordingly.

As a method of correcting these errors of the past, Mr. Brownlow discussed the necessity of providing more satisfactory opportunities for training in Public Administration and of offering to the Civil Servant a worthwhile career. Following this advice, he called for questions from the floor, and, after about a half hour, he enlarged upon this theme in response to several questions.

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Thursday evening Alpha Phi of of Chi Psi entertained the faculty and their wives in their annual pre-Christmas Faculty Bridge Party. Nearly all of the professors were present, in addition to several local Chi Psi alumni and their wives. Games and other pastimes were provided for those who do not play bridge.

Mrs. Ferry proved to be the best woman player, as far as the evening's score was concerned, with Mrs. Prettyman a close second. Mr. Coughlin's 7,630 score won for him the first prize for men; Mr. Patton took second place. Refreshments were served after the competition.

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